programme or design of engines and components. However, most of them are extending necessary cooperation and support in the implementation of the pilot project and some of them have made available a few cars for fitment of CNG kits, and for tests and trials.

(e) As the programme is in an experimental stage, it is too early to arrive at a final conclusion in this regard.

New LPG Connections

1898. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set any target to provide new LPG connections during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the target has been reduced drastically by the oil companies;

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(e) whether the cut in the LPG connections will have an adverse impact on the Cylinder Industry; and

(f) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target is to release 7.5 lakhs new LPG connections during 1992-93.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

New Petroleum Refineries

1899. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 2467 given in Rajya Sabha on 9th December, 1992 and state the details of augmentation of refining capacity as a result of these refineries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : After the implementation of the 3 joint sector refineries, envisaged each with a 6 MMTPA capacity it is expected that the refining capacity would be augmented by 18 MMTPA. After the private sector refineries to whom LOI's have been issued are implemented, a total increase of 29 MMTPA in capacity is expected.

कृष्णा–गोदावरी थाले से प्राकृतिक गैस पाइपलाइन का विस्तार

1900. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री छोटूभाई पटेल :

क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कृष्णा-गोदावरी थाले से प्राकृतिक गैस पाइपलाइन को आन्ध्र प्रदेश में विशाखापत्तनम से बस्तर तक बढ़ाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

पेट्रोलियम–उत्पादों के उत्पादन के लिए एशियाई विकास बैंक द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई गई धनराशि

1901. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री छोटूभाई पटेल :

क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन्होंने जनवरी, 1992 में एशियाई विकास बैंक के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ कोई बातचीत की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों के उत्पादन को बढ़ाने हेतु एशियाई विकास बैंक द्वारा कोई धनराशि प्रदान की जा रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (घ) भिन्न भिन्न चर्चाओं के परिणामस्वरूप एशियन विकास बैंक द्वारा निम्नलिखित ऋण अनुमोदित किये गये हैं :—

(i) ऊर्जा संरक्षण तथा पर्यावरण परियोजनाओं के लिये 147 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर;

(ii) गंधार क्षेत्र के विकास के लिये 267 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर; और

(iii) हाइड्रोकार्बन क्षेत्र सम्बन्धी कार्यक्रमों के 250 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर। इन सभी ऋणों का उद्देश्य देश में पर्यावरण में सुधार लाना और पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के उत्पादन में भी वृद्धि करना है ।

Recommendations of the Oil Pricing Review Committee

1902. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered the report of Oil Pricing Review Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the increases in the prices of oil products have been and will be done as per the recommendations of this committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (d) No decision has been taken by the Government on the report of the Oil Price Review Committee.

Proposal for Upgradation of HBJ Pipeline

1903. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited's proposal for upgradation of HBJ pipeline to increase its transporting capacity from 18.2 MMSCMD to 33.4 MMSCMD has been approved,

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when this project is likely to be taken for the implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) First stage approval has been given by Government to GAIL to prepare the Detailed Feasibility Report for the project.

Safety Boots to staff of ONGC in Dehra Dun

1904. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 216 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1992 and state :

(a) whether the ONGC, Dehra Dun has taken any decision to procure the safety boots for its employees and staff;

(b) whether the products offered by some public sector undertakings are much more superior in quality than many other producers;

(c) whether any further negotiations are likely to be held;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what further efforts are being made to procure these items from Government sectors in order to develop mutual financial benefits ?